



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1615**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 03715.0109

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Jöel RICHARD et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1615
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Application No.: 10/049,186)	Examiner: Gollamudi S. Kishore
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Filed: February 8, 2002)	Confirmation No.: 8142
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For: MICROPARTICLES FOR)	Mail Stop AF
PULMONARY ADMINISTRATION)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 17, 2004, reconsideration of this application and reexamination of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on September 17, 2004, and are filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 herewith, together with a Petition for Extension of Time, extending the deadline for filing an Appeal Brief to December 17, 2004. This paper satisfies the requirement for a "submission" to accompany the RCE.

Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims at pages 2-11.

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 12.